

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A storage medium comprising:

a specified storage area on which revocation information is registered, the revocation information designating at least one electronic device in which use of the storage medium by the designated electronic device is to be revoked,

wherein an electronic device which attempts to access the storage medium is controlled in accordance with the revocation information.

2. The storage medium according to claim 1, further comprising:

a controller for receiving from the electronic device which attempts to access, identification information indicative of the electronic device, and checking whether identification information corresponding to the received identification information is contained in the revocation information, thereby determining whether or not use of the storage medium by the electronic device which attempts to access should be revoked.

3. The storage medium according to claim 2, wherein when the controller determines that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

4. The storage medium according to claim 3, wherein when the controller does not determine that use

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of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, the controller sends the identification information indicative of the storage medium to the electronic device which attempts to access, and wherein

5 contents encrypted with the identification information indicative of the storage medium are written on a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

10 5. The storage medium according to claim 3, wherein when the controller does not determine that use of the storage medium by the electronic device should be revoked, the controller sends the identification information indicative of the storage medium to the electronic device which attempts to access, and wherein

15 contents encrypted with the identification information indicative of the storage medium are read out from a predetermined storage area of the storage medium by the electronic device.

20 6. The storage medium according to claim 1, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

25 7. The storage medium according to claim 1, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.

8. A contents protection method comprising the

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14. The method according to claim 8, wherein the specified storage area is a storage area which is provided on a rewritable read-only non-volatile memory and can be accessed only by a secret specific procedure.